



OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm

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Pastoral Team

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Sacraments

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated in our Parish on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30pm. Parents should contact the parish office at least two months before the desired date of baptism. An interview with a member of the pastoral staff and a Baptismal preparation class is required.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Confession is celebrated every Tuesday and Thursday before Mass, and every Saturday from 9:30am to 10:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm. You are also welcome to book an appointment with one of the priests by contacting the parish office.

Marriage: Weddings are celebrated in our Parish on any day except Sundays, Christmas, New Year's Day or during the Easter Triduum. Couples wishing to be married here should contact the parish office about one year before the desired date. Wedding dates will not be set until after the first interview with a Priest. Participation in a marriage preparation program is required.

Sacrament of the Sick: Parishioners are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Sick during a serious or chronic illness or before surgery. To arrange a time to receive the Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

Hospital Ministry: A Chaplaincy service is available to Catholics at the Niagara General Hospital.

Homebound: Communion is brought to the homebound on the First Friday of every month. Parishioners are invited to call the parish office if they wish to receive Communion at this time or to arrange a pastoral visit by a priest or parishioner.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 9:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am

Thursday: 7:00pm

Friday: 9:00am

Saturday: 9:00am

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm*

Sunday: 8:00am; 9:30am & 11:00am

*This Mass is live streamed

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday

6:15pm to 6:45pm

Saturday

9:30am to 10:30am

And 3:30pm to 4:30pm

You may book a private confession by calling the office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Parish is blessed to have Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To become a committed adorer please email fr.daniel@scapular.ca

For access after-hours please contact the office.

Catholic Schools

Mary Ward Elementary School.....905-354-9221

Notre Dame Elementary School.....905-358-3861

St. Gabriel Elementary School.....905-354-5422

St. John Henry Newman.....905-354-9033

St. Vincent De Paul.....905-356-7505

St. Paul High School.....905-356-4313

Mass Intention Policy

Parishioners are welcome to request Masses to be celebrated for their intentions at the Parish. Up to two intentions can be offered at each Mass. Mass intentions will be accepted for any date up to one year from the date the request is made. No intentions are offered in perpetuity (you must come each year to request them). The offering for a Mass Intention is \$10.

For the Lost souls, that they may find the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pentecost Sunday ~ May 28, 2023

FAITH FORMATION: **THE DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II**

The Most Sacred Mystery of the Eucharist (cont'd)

58. A new rite for concelebration is to be drawn up and inserted into the Pontifical and into the Roman Missal.

The Other Sacraments and Sacramentals

59. The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ, and, finally, to give worship to God; because they are signs they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it; that is why they are called "sacraments of faith." They do indeed impart grace, but, in addition, the very act of celebrating them most effectively disposes the faithful to receive this grace in a fruitful manner, to worship God duly, and to practice charity.

It is therefore of the highest importance that the faithful should easily understand the sacramental signs, and should frequent with great eagerness those sacraments which were instituted to nourish the Christian life.

60. Holy Mother Church has, moreover, instituted sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments: they signify effects, particularly of a spiritual kind, which are obtained through the Church's intercession. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy.

61. Thus, for well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and sacramentals sanctifies almost every event in their lives; they are given access to the stream of divine grace which flows from the paschal mystery of the passion, death, the resurrection of Christ, the font from which all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power. There is hardly any proper use of material things which cannot thus be directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God.

62. With the passage of time, however, there have crept into the rites of the sacraments and sacramentals certain features which have rendered their nature and purpose far from clear to the people of today; hence some changes have become necessary to adapt them to the needs of our own times. For this reason the sacred Council decrees as follows concerning their revision.

**-Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy,
December 4, 1963**

FROM THE LIONS' DEN **Happy Birthday Church!**

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house... and they were filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2

Dear Family in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate what many consider to be the 'birth' of our Church, as the Holy Spirit descends upon the small gathering of the first people who would be called 'Christians'. Here are some details I hope you find helpful:

Passover to Sinai, Last Supper to Pentecost, The New Law

'Pentecost', meaning '50 days', was already celebrated as the Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover, marking the exact time that passed between the people of Israel being freed from slavery in Egypt, to the giving of the Law to Moses at Mount Sinai. Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection is the fulfillment of the Passover, and the disciples being 'filled with the Holy Spirit' is the fulfillment of the Law of Moses. *"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts."*(Jeremiah 31:33).

120 Disciples, 12 Apostles

In Acts chapter 1, we hear that there were about 120 gathered in the 'upper room' where Jesus celebrated the Passover/Last Supper 50 days prior. This number included Mary + and some other women, others called the 'brethren', and the *twelve* Apostles. Jesus chose 12 Apostles when He established His Church because He was restoring the Kingdom of Israel, which was made up of the 12 Tribes of Israel. This is why it was necessary that Judas' place not be left vacant. Interestingly enough, Pentecost was also a feast celebrating the harvest (like our Thanksgiving). It was a time to thank God and offer him a *tithe*, 1/10 of one's harvest. The 12 Apostles represent a tithe of the 120 gathered, in thanksgiving for the Church.

Casting Lots + The Priesthood

Matthias, the 12th Apostle, is chosen to replace Judas by casting lots. Every time 'casting lots' is brought up in scripture, it has to do with the priesthood: in this case, in the Old Testament to choose a priest to enter the sanctuary, and at Calvary when the soldiers strip Jesus of His garments.

I hope you find these details interesting- I definitely do! May you have a blessed Pentecost Sunday, and Happy Birthday, dear Church. Let us continue to pray as the Church always has: Come, Holy Spirit!

God love you, Father Corso

MAY: THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY wishes you a Blessed Eastertide, and invites you to participate in the public recitation of the Holy Rosary prior to the remaining 8 am Sunday Masses during the month of May. The Rosary will begin at 7:30 am.

ANNUAL OUR LADY OF THE SCAPULAR - MOTHER MARY'S PROCESSION - Tuesday May 30, 2023 @5:45pm. Mass follows @ 7:00pm. Everyone is Welcome - especially children. **"Let the children come to me"**. Bring flowers from your gardens, Bring personal statues to be blessed. In coordination with all OLOS church ministries, our six schools, other parishes and charismatic groups. For more information call or text Jose @ 905-371-4704

COFFEE SUNDAY – June 4, 2023: Coffee Sunday will officially be happening every weekend after the 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. To volunteer or contribute baked goods, please contact the office.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS:

Sun, May 28: Rev. Krzysztof Szczepaniki
Mon, May 29: Rev. John Tracey
Tues, May 30: Rev. Aji Varghese
Wed, May 31: Rev. Paul Vellakunnathu
Thurs, June 1: Rev. John Vickers
Fri, June 2: Rev. Franjo Visaticki
Sat, June 3: Rev. Peter Walton

SPECIAL COLLECTION - JUNE 4, 2023: The next Special Collection is June 4, 2023 for "Education of Seminarians and Clergy (Diocesan Needs)".

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX - A one-woman play on the life of St. Therese of Lisieux will be taking place on June 4, 2023 at 2:00pm at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Ave, NF) Admission is a free will offering. Please contact Fr. Chris Kulig at 905-356-4113 x4225 for tickets.

PERSONALIZED TUMBLER FUNDRAISER: Our Lady of the Scapular is selling 20oz Travel Mugs (Tumblers) are great for both hot and cold beverages featuring our parish logo and a short scripture of choice! Orders will take place through our office, & tumblers will be ready in ~7 days.
***Special thanks to all who have purchased so far!**

SANCTUARY CANDLE DONATIONS: We would like to extend an invitation to our parishioners to donate towards our Sanctuary Candles for your memorial donations. This \$20 donation would cover the cost of the Sanctuary candles in the Chapel and on the Church altar weekly. You will find the specific envelopes to use in the Narthex on the clear stand. Please fill in the information with your donation and put it in the collection or drop it off at the office. Thank you for helping reduce our cost on these items!

AWAKEN THE SPIRIT WITHIN YOU invites you to attend their First Friday Eucharistic Healing Adoration on Friday, June 2nd at 7pm. Please see Flocknote/Social Media and Parish bulletin boards for full details.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: On Wednesday May 31st, 2023 will be our last meeting until September. We will be having a Potluck and Awarding the Ladies for Years of Service with the Pin Presentation. The evening starts at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Look forward to seeing you all.

NEW ST. JOSEPH ADORATION CHAPEL SIGNS Provided generously by Loreto Workshop, founded in 2022 by Aleks and Adrienne Niedra, specializing in custom signs and gifts. To inquire on a product for your church, home or business, please contact us at Loretoworkshop.ca or by phone at (647) 960-6390

MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM (Gen 1:27) What is a woman? What is a man? Are you confused or curious about gender theory, transgenderism? Are these theories in conformity with the Catholic faith? How does it relate to marriage and family life? Join Fathers Ben Weber and Stuart MacDonald for a six-week catechetical session. Session 2 is May 31, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria Hall (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). For more information, please call Father Ben at 905-684-3964 or Father Stuart at 905-382-3826.

SOLO PERSONS ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: The BLD Covenant Community of St. Catharines invites you to a Solo Persons Encounter Weekend! On June 10 & 11, 2023 at St. Ann's Church (5740 Buchanan Avenue, NF). All Mature Singles, Single Parents, Divorcees and Widowers are invited to a weekend encounter with our loving God. Please see parish bulletin boards for more details.

NIAGARA CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS' GUILD is a newly formed group that provides a forum for the study of medical ethics in light of Church teaching. We will meet quarterly for fellowship, mentorship, and study as well as an annual Mass for health care workers. Physicians, medical students and pre-med students are asked to contact niagaracatholicphysicians@gmail.com

FACES OF ABORTION TOUR STOP IN NIAGARA: This summer, the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform is running a national pro-life tour across Canada. Speakers from CCBR will stop in Hamilton for a special evening event on "the faces of abortion." Participants will learn how they can take action to make abortion unthinkable in Canada today! Please join us for this new program on Monday, June 5th @ Immanuel United Reformed Church (2900 Fourth Ave, Jordan Station) at 7pm. For more details and other stop locations visit endthekilling.ca/tour

Sanctuary Candle

This week's Sanctuary Candles were donated in loving memory of Nicolino Vacca.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 27, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Guido Morandin
		† Paul Morandin
	5:00 p.m.	† Donald McDonald
		† Bryan Lara Alvarez
		Fr. Michael Basque (Anniversary of Ordination)
Sunday, May 28, 2023	8:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
	9:30 a.m.	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
		† Victor & Adrienne Crépeau
11:00 a.m.	† Mary Lou Bishop (Quaranta)	
Monday, May 29, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Angela Kukovica
		† Joan Longmuir
Tuesday, May 30, 2023	7:00 p.m.	† Matthew Asemota
		† Rosa Dell'Aera
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† John Forlin
		† Maria Mannella
Thursday, June 1, 2023	7:00 p.m.	† Ada Ingribelli
		† Holy Souls of Purgatory
Friday, June 2, 2023	9:00 a.m.	† Nicola Arcaro
		† Giuseppe & Anna Serluca
		† Ada Ingribelli

IMPORTANT: DIOCEAN PRIESTS RETREAT

From June 5-9 all the Priests within the Diocese will be attending a retreat. OLOS will not be hosting any masses during the retreat, however, St. Patrick's on Victoria Ave. will still have Mass. Please see the following schedule:

Mon. June 5 (OLOS) - 9:00am
 Tue. June 6 (St. Patrick's) - 8:00pm
 Wed. June 7 (St. Patrick's) - 8:00pm
 Thurs. June 8 (St. Patrick's) - 8:00pm
 Fri. June 9 (OLOS) - 7:00pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - On June 21 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall, Our Lady of the Scapular will be holding a Parish-wide Volunteer meeting. All are welcome, and all are encouraged to attend. We will be focusing on the various ministries that we are in need to get up and running and to do so we need volunteers. Please consider attending to have your voice heard. In the meantime, those who used to volunteer for the various OLOS ministries, we value your input and encourage you to attend to assist us in the planning. If you would like to get on board with volunteering please email secretary@scapular.ca, please include which ministry you are interested in.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: Low Gluten Hosts (the amount of gluten is less than 20 ppm) are available to anyone who suffers from Celiac Disease and requires one to receive the Eucharist. For those whose allergy is extremely serious, they can receive the Precious Blood from a separate chalice. Please let the Priest know before Mass to receive a Low Gluten Host or the Precious Blood.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY - Collection amounts for May 21 and May 28th **will be posted on the June 4th** issue of the Bulletin. Thank you for faithfully and generously providing for the spiritual and material needs of our parish community. If you are interested in signing up for Automatic Giving, please contact Valerie at: business@scapular.ca

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

We thank those priests who have served our parish over the past decade, celebrating their ordination anniversaries in May:

Msgr. Leo Clutterbuck:	50 Years (May 5, 1973)
Father Jose Karikompil:	33 Years (May 12, 1990)
Fr. Stephen Bruzesse:	6 Years (May 20, 2017)
Fr. Stephen Innamorati:	7 Years (May 21, 2016)
Father Daniel Corso:	1 Year (May 21, 2022)
Father Michael Basque:	34 Years (May 27, 1989)

PRIDE FLAG - This year, as has happened in previous years, the Niagara Catholic District School Board has chosen to fly the Pride Flag during the month of June. As I have done in the past, I will not be going onto school property during the month of June. I wish to make it clear this is a decision of my personal conscience and is not meant to judge anyone who acts differently. I condemn in the strongest possible way any bullying or violence directed against any person, especially marginalized groups such as LGBTQ individuals. Everyone is made in the image and likeness of God and is loved by God and myself. My problem is that the Flag, while it seeks to promote inclusion, also represents things which are antithetical to Catholic teachings such as Gender Theory. An excellent resource to better understand the Church's teaching on the issue of Gender is "He Made them Male and Female: Towards a Path of Dialogue on the Question of Gender Theory in Education" published by the Congregation for Catholic Education in 2019. Father Michael Basque

HOLY ROSARY SANCTUARY - Once again, masses will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Sanctuary (21 Queen Street South in Thorold), it begins at 7:00pm with a recitation of the Rosary followed by Mass at 7:30pm.

*Come, Holy Spirit,
 fill the hearts of Thy faithful
 and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.
 Send forth Thy Spirit
 and they shall be created.
 And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.*

